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LB 700, 641

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol. LB 700.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this bill was brought to the attention of the Judiciary Committee that the term of appointment of members to the Jail Standards Board all begin and end at the same point in time. There is no statutory provision for staggering these terms. Thus it would be possible for an entire new board to be appointed at one time. This could lead to a potential lack of continuity and carry through from the prior board members. LB 700 would provide for staggering of the terms of the members of the Jail Standards Board. I move that LB 700 be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion? All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 700 to E & R for review. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 641.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 641, read title. The bill was read on January 9 of this year. It was referred to the Public Health Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 641 is a relatively simple measure. What the bill does is renews the operation of the Nebraska Health Manpower referral service and which, of course, would be sunsetted this year. It extends the life of that service for four years. I think it is a very important piece of legislation even though it is a very simple one because that the service has been very effective in recruiting doctors for the State of Nebraska. The bill, in addition to extending the life of that service for four years, also ensures that they will receive assistance from the Department of Health and also clarifies the services of the referral service in that it applies to all areas of the state, not simply rural areas. There are some urban areas particularly in Omaha which need this service as much as some of the rural areas of the state. It is a very important piece of